REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed Nov. 08, 2002. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Present Status of Patent Application

Claims 1-14 are presently pending in application. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima et al, (US Patent No. 5,532,841, "Nakajima") in view of Baumann et al, (US Patent No. 6,104,922, "Baumann"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Response to Claims Rejections under 35 USC§103

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For a proper rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. Section 103, the cited combination of references must disclose either implicitly or explicitly all features of the claim.

Independent claim 1, as amended, states:

1. A method of reporting an end of a scanning session to a user, comprising the steps of:

selecting a peripheral device, *wherein the peripheral device can send an information, make a sound or call for reporting the end of a scanning session to the user for deciding the starting, ending or waiting for a scanning session or performing a new scanning session;* and

notifying the user through the selected peripheral device after a series of scanning tasks has ended.

(Emphasis Added)

Independent claim 1 is allowable for at least the reason that Nakajima does not disclose, teach, or suggest the features *"wherein the peripheral device can send an information, make a sound or call for reporting the end of a scanning session to the user for deciding the starting, ending or waiting for a scanning session or performing a new scanning session"*, that are highlighted in claim 1 above.

More specifically, the Examiner has relied on Nakajima for disclosing a peripheral device (100a or 100b of Nakajima), but the peripheral device of Nakajima, even in view of Baumann, does not disclose, teach or suggest all of the capabilities disclosed in the amended claim 1 to notify the user, wherein the capabilities have been detailed disclosed in claims 2-7.

Furthermore, Nakajima in view of Baumann do not disclose, teach or suggest a task of decision the following procedure of the user.

Thus, Nakajima in view of Baumann do not anticipate claim 1. The withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claim 1 are therefore earnestly solicited.

Independent claim 8, as amended, states:

8. (Twice Amended) A method of reporting an end of a scanning session to a user, comprising the steps of:

using a computer to detect how many peripheral devices are available for reporting the end of a scanning session to *the user for deciding the starting, ending or waiting for a scanning session or performing a new scanning session*;

selecting at least a peripheral device, *wherein the peripheral device can send an information, make a sound or call for reporting the end of a scanning session to the user*;

performing all scanning tasks in a scanning session;

notifying the user, through the selected peripheral device, that a series of scanning tasks has ended; and

determining if a scanning operation is waiting by the user, wherein if a scanning operation is waiting, the method jumps to the step of selecting the peripheral device, and if no scanning operation is waiting, the scanning operation is terminated.

(Emphasis Added)

Independent claim 8 is allowable for at least the reason that Nakajima in view of Baumann do not disclose, teach, or suggest the features "*wherein the peripheral device can send an information, make a sound or call for reporting the end of a scanning session to the user*", that are highlighted in claim 8 above.

More specifically, the Examiner has relied on Nakajima for disclosing a peripheral device (100a or 100b of Nakajima), but the peripheral device of Nakajima, even in view of Baumann, does not disclose, teach or suggest all of the capabilities disclosed in the amended claim 8 to notify the user, wherein the capabilities have been detailed disclosed in claims 9–14.

Furthermore, independent claim 8 is allowable for at least the reason that Nakajima does not disclose, teach, or suggest the features "*the user for deciding the starting, ending or waiting for a scanning session or performing a new scanning session*", that are highlighted in claim 8 above.

More particularly, Nakajima in view of Baumann do not disclose, teach or suggest a task

of decision the following procedure of the user.

Thus, Nakajima in view of Baumann do not anticipate claim 8. The withdrawal of the

rejection and the allowance of claim 8 are therefore earnestly solicited.

If independent claims 1 and 8 are allowable over the prior art of record, then its

dependent claims 2-7 and 9-14 are allowable as a matter of law, because these dependent claims

contain all features of its respective independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above,

Applicant respectfully submit that all rejections have been traversed and accommodated. And

that the now pending claims 1-14 are in proper condition for allowance. Favorable

reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby

courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a conference would expedite the

examination of this matter, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned

counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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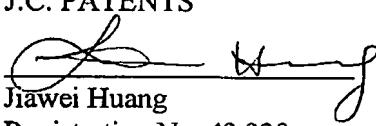
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VERSION WITHMARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGESMADE

In the Claims:

Claim 1 and 8 have been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of reporting an end of a scanning session to a user, comprising the steps of:

selecting a peripheral device, wherein the peripheral device can send an information, make a sound or call for[capable of] reporting the end of a scanning session to the user for deciding the starting, ending or waiting for a scanning session or performing a new scanning session; and

notifying the user through the selected peripheral device after a series of scanning tasks has ended.

8. (Twice Amended) A method of reporting an end of a scanning session to a user, comprising the steps of:

using a computer to detect how many peripheral devices are available for reporting the end of a scanning session to the user for deciding the starting, ending or waiting for a scanning session or performing a new scanning session;

selecting at least a peripheral device, wherein the peripheral device can send an information, make a sound or call for reporting[to report] the end of a scanning session to the user;

performing all scanning tasks in a scanning session;

notifying the user, through the selected peripheral device, that a series of scanning tasks has ended; and

determining if a scanning operation is waiting by the user, wherein if a scanning operation is waiting, the method jumps to the step of selecting the peripheral device, and if no scanning operation is waiting, the scanning operation is terminated.